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LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE KING'S SPEECH: ALLIES' STEADFAST RESOLVE.

AFTER THE WAR: MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES RAISED.

Fierce Fighting Between Belgians and Germans in East Africa.

GERMANY'S NEW FLEET OF SUBMARINE MONITORS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph"]

THE REASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

February 15, 3.30 p.m.
His Majesty the King, in his Speech on the occasion of the re-opening of Parliament, says:—
"The Spirit of my Allies and my People, who are united in this conflict by ever-strengthening ties of sympathy and understanding, remains steadfast in its resolve to secure reparation for the victims of an unprovoked and unjustifiable outrage and effectual safeguards for all nations against the aggression of a Power which mistakes force for right and expediency for honour. With proud and grateful confidence, I look to the courage, tenacity and resource of my Navy and Army, wherein we depend, worthily to perform our part in the attainment of this goal."
His Majesty adds that the House of Commons will be asked to make financial provision for the conduct of the war, saying that "the only measures to be submitted to Parliament will be such as tend towards the attainment of our common object."

OTHER SPEECHES.

February 15, 6.10 p.m.
On the reassembling of Parliament, the Speaker read the King's Speech, which was loudly cheered.

Mr. J. I. Macpherson, Liberal M. P. for Ross and Cromarty, moved the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, expressing thankfulness that the King had recovered from his mishap sustained at the Front, where the hearts and hopes of so many of their loyal subjects were. (Cheers). He paid a tribute to the strenuous work of Their Majesties, praised the work of the Navy and Army and emphasised the fact that six millions had voluntarily rallied to the Colours, while a million older men were being trained.

Mr. Macpherson affirmed the splendid spirit of the Empire and expressed the greatest appreciation at the appointment of General Smuts to the command in East Africa.

Lieutenant Colonel F. S. Jackson, the famous cricketer, and Unionist M. P. for Howdenshire (York), seconded, dwelling on the great sacrifices made by the Dominions. He deprecated Zeppelin reprisals, saying that Britain could not play a dirty game, and urged an effective blockade.

Mr. Asquith gratefully acknowledged the provision by France of cemeteries for our fallen, and said the Government would appoint a Committee under the Prince of Wales to assist the French Government in the matter. He said that, thanks to the assistance of our Italian Allies, the Serbians had successfully evacuated Albania and were now being re-fitted.

Mr. Asquith referred to the Anglo-French successes in the Cameroons and said the situation in Mesopotamia had materially improved. General Townshend was holding his own and had considerable supplies. There was every ground for hope that General Aylmer and General Townshend would unite so that anything in the nature of a serious British check might be averted.

The Prime Minister said he considered that the outstanding feature of the past three months was the growingly intimate relations, co-ordination, concentration of unity, and direction of control among the Allies. He dwelt on M. Briand's cordial welcomes in London and Rome, and expressed the hope that at an early date there would be a general Conference of all the Allies in Paris, reviewing all political and strategic questions. We should thus effectively counteract the enemies' early advantage of centralised control in government at home, taking complete stock of all resources, military and financial, in order to contribute in the coming months a maximum effort in the common cause.

SUBMARINE MONITORS.

A NEW GERMAN FLEET.

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Mr. Archibald Hard, the well-known writer on naval subjects, states that Germany has built a fleet of submarine monitors each armed with powerful guns.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN EAST AFRICA.

HEAVY BELGIAN AND GERMAN LOSSES.

February 15, 1.00 p.m.
A Belgian wireless message states that the Belgians invading East Africa attacked the Germans in the Lake Kiva region, capturing trenches which were afterwards re-taken. There were heavy losses on both sides. The fighting continues.

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH KILLED.

February 15, 12.35 p.m.
It is announced that Viscount Weymouth has been killed in action.
[Viscount Weymouth, who was the eldest son of the Earl of Bath, was born in November, 1895. He was a Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Dragoon Guards].

FOR INDIAN HILLMEN.

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The late Lieut-General Sir Henry Moore bequeathed 6,500 Rupees to the Ripon Hospital at Simla for the erection of a ward for the hillmen and women.

LABOUR PARTY'S CHAIRMAN.

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Mr. Arthur Henderson has been re-elected Chairman of the Labour Party.

ALCOHOL FOR EXPLOSIVES.

February 15, 12.35 p.m.
In view of the increasing demand for high explosives, the Ministry of Munitions has taken over the patent still distilleries.

AFTER THE WAR.

IMPORTANT CHANGES ADVOCATED.

February 15, 3.30 p.m.
Mr. McKenna and Mr. Bonar Law are to attend a Conference of the Association of Chambers of Commerce to be held in London on the 29th inst. to discuss after-the-war trade problems.
One hundred and twenty resolutions have been submitted by various Chambers. The principal one of these declares that the strength of a nation lies in its power to produce its requirements from its own soil and factories. Other resolutions urge the immediate appointment of a Minister of Commerce. Fourteen of the resolutions refer to reciprocal trading and tariffs within the Empire and between the Allies.

CLOSER IMPERIAL UNITY.

February 15, 3.30 p.m.
Mr. Walter Long, interviewed on after-the-war problems, said the Parliamentary system would have to undergo a change. Apart from the gratitude to the Dominions for their enormous sacrifices for the Motherland, there would be a general desire for closer association. They must have fuller recognition and adequate representation.

FREE TRADE IN DISFAVOUR.

February 15, 12.35 p.m.
The Manchester Chamber of Commerce has rejected a proposal by its directors in favour of adherence to the policy of Free Trade, and resisting the proposals for Protection.
The speakers emphasised the point that German trade must be excluded or restricted after the war.

THE SHIPPING PROBLEM.

DIFFICULTIES NOT YET OVERCOME.

February 15, 12.35 p.m.
It appears that the differences between the Government and shipowners as regards the completion of vessels ready for launching have not yet been settled. The latter consider that the Government ought to pay the difference between the pre-war cost and the current cost.

OUR NEW ARMIES.

THE PATRIOTIC UNMARRIED.

February 15, 12.35 p.m.
It is stated that, between January 11 and January 27, 114,000 unmarried men were recruited.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

FRENCH RECAPTURE POSITION.

February 15, 5.00 p.m.
According to a Paris communique, the French have recaptured part of the Tabbure advanced elements.

ALLIED UNITY.

ITALIAN VISIT TO PARIS.

February 15, 1.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, M. Briand, interviewed, stated that he was delighted with his visit to Italy, the result of which was excellent.
A telegram from Rome states that Signor Salandra, the Italian Premier, will visit France in March, accompanied by Signor Barzani and the Ministers of War and Finance.

THE GALLANT SERBIANS.

50,000 MEN FOR SALONICA.

February 15, 1.00 p.m.
The *Figaro* states that before the end of March, 50,000 Serbians from Corfu will be sent to reinforce the Allies at Salonica.

THE ALLIED CONFERENCE.

(Havas Telegram).

February 14.
M. Briand has returned to Paris from Rome, where he prepared, with the King and Signor Salandra, the co-ordinated effort which will be organised shortly in Paris by a conference uniting all the Allies.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 5].

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AN INTERESTING EXECUTION.

February 14, 6.50 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a telegram from Brussels reports that a writer has been executed for the murder of the son of a Belgian officer named Keels. The execution is apparently connected with the murder of Miss Cavell's betrayer.

IN THE NEAR EAST.

NEW TURKISH MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

February 14, 6.50 p.m.
A Constantinople telegram says that the Porte has introduced a bill extending military compulsory service to men of fifty.

BOMBS ON KUT-EL-AMARA.

February 15, 12.25 a.m.
General Aylmer reports that the weather has cleared, but that the situation is unchanged. General Townshend reports that an aeroplane dropped two bombs on Kut-el-Amara, but there was no damage.

THE FAILURE OF THE BLOCKADE.

February 14, 6.50 p.m.
A City meeting at which Lord Devonport presided, has passed a resolution to the effect that it views with grave alarm the enormous quantity of commodities reaching the enemy by the North Sea, and urging fuller use of our sea power.

CEYLON AND THE WAR.

February 14, 6.50 p.m.
Reuter learns that the Ceylon Government recently paid to the Imperial Government the first annual instalment of £100,000 of the Colony's contribution of a million towards the cost of the war. It is proposed to use the contribution as a redemption of the war loan. In addition, the Ceylon Government will meet the cost of a contingent from the Colony.

(Continued on page 8.)

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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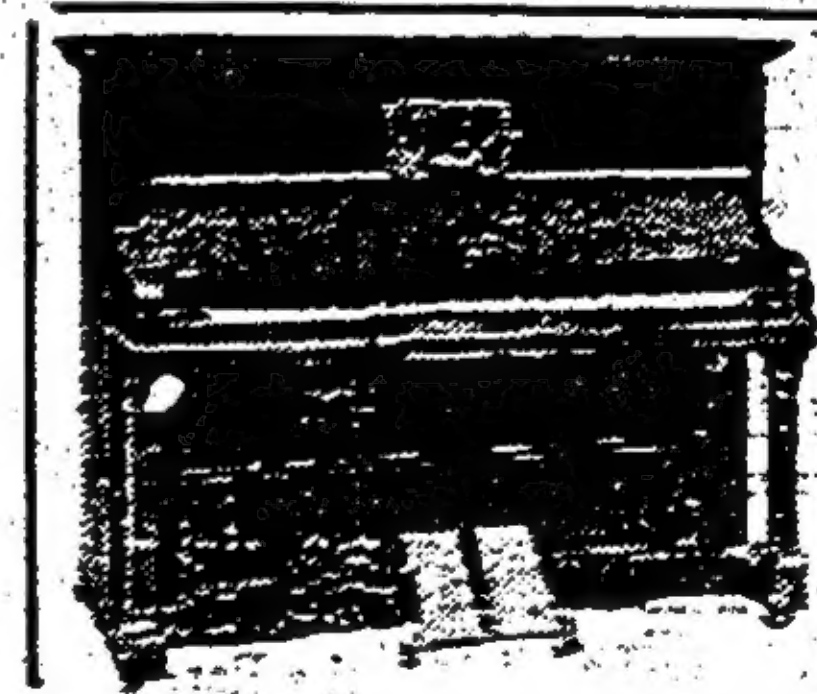
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

The "Mock and Trick" Trade.

The other day we referred to the initiative of German houses in this part of the world in pushing trade, mentioning their close study of local requirements and conditions, their willingness to fulfil orders, large and small, their care in avoiding claims and the cheapness of their goods as main factors contributing to German success. In the end we emphasised that if British merchants are to profit by the elimination of their strongest competitor—and carry out the policy inaugurated by the Government it is "up to" them to do their part. Mr. T. M. Ainscough, whose qualifications to speak on the subject need no introduction to the British merchants of the East, is of the same opinion.

Daily Press.

The Immigration Question.

The clash of nations now taking place in Europe seems to be a prelude for a general sifting of international relations with a view to discovering some means whereby the present thoroughly unsatisfactory conditions may be rectified. Practically we have returned to that period in the history of mankind known as the "Wandering of the Nations," with its accompanying horrors, and if the world is ever to find peace it can only be by some definite agreement as to how far national rights extend. Great Britain has been happy in having more or less unpeopled dominions to absorb her vagrant population, but other countries, less fortunate, have seen the tide of emigration flow to foreign shores, whose hospitality seemed to offer greater possibilities than the home country. The United States has been the largest gainer by this tide of foreign immigration; she has, indeed, been for many years past the safety-valve for the insurgent people of Europe. In that vast melting-pot all nations have met, nominally as citizens of her Republic, but actually, it is to be feared, in a large number of cases, as occupying an intermediate place between the old country and the new.

China Mail.

"Time's Up."

We are told to-day in the cables that a Proclamation has been posted calling up all single men in Great Britain for service with the Colours. Lord Derby's recruiting figures showed that there were 2,179,231 single men available, but only just one half of these offered themselves for service under scheme of voluntary recruitment. From the 1,029,231 which failed to respond to the appeal, Lord Derby started or badged 378,071, and his final deduction was that 651,160 single men, which he described as "far from a negligible quantity," had failed to respond. It may be recalled that the purpose of the recruiting campaign was to raise another million men, and the result of the campaign was that 2,950,514 men, out of a total of 5,011,441 available, responded to their country's call to the colours. But Mr. Asquith had given a pledge to the married men, that single men would be occupied first to serve their country if they failed to volunteer.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Typhus Rampant in Mexico City.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—There were 316 deaths from typhus in Mexico City during November, according to a report of the city's health department received to-day by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here, to-day. The report adds that during the first two weeks of December there were approximately 1,500 new cases reported.

Well-known Footballer's Appointment to Ceylon.

Mr. Leigh Smith, M.A., who played much fine football for the old Leigh District Rugby Union Club, and the Westminster Training College, has been appointed the principal of the Government Training College in Ceylon. Mr. Smith, who is a native of Leigh, in Lancashire, being named after the town, was a very fine half-back, his sturdy build carrying him through the hardest of games.

Interesting to Golfers.

A new style of golf competition has originated among the war fund workers in Australia. It is called an auction handicap and the feature of it is that, besides the entrance fees, which, of course, go to the war fund, in question, each entrant may contribute still further to the good cause by purchasing strokes additional to his ordinary handicap, to come, however, being entitled to obtain more than 3 extra strokes in this fashion.

Russians Claim Protection in Virginia.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Protection for Russian subjects living at Hopewell, Virginia, was asked the state department to-day by the Russian ambassador, M. George Bakmeteff. The ambassador said he had received complaints alleging mistreatment of Russians by the state military authorities and police, who have been administering martial law at Hopewell since that powder plant boom town was swept by fire several weeks ago.

Explosion at Japanese Colliery.

On January 27, there was an explosion of gas in the Hashima Colliery, Niashi-Sonoki-gun, Nagasaki prefecture, injuring ten persons, six of them so seriously that their lives are despaired of. It seems that some men were firing up an electric fan in the pit, when the wire fused, the spark causing the gas in the pit to explode. This is the second time, says the *Japanese Chronicle*, that an explosion has taken place in the colliery from this cause.

Rewards for Chinese Officials.

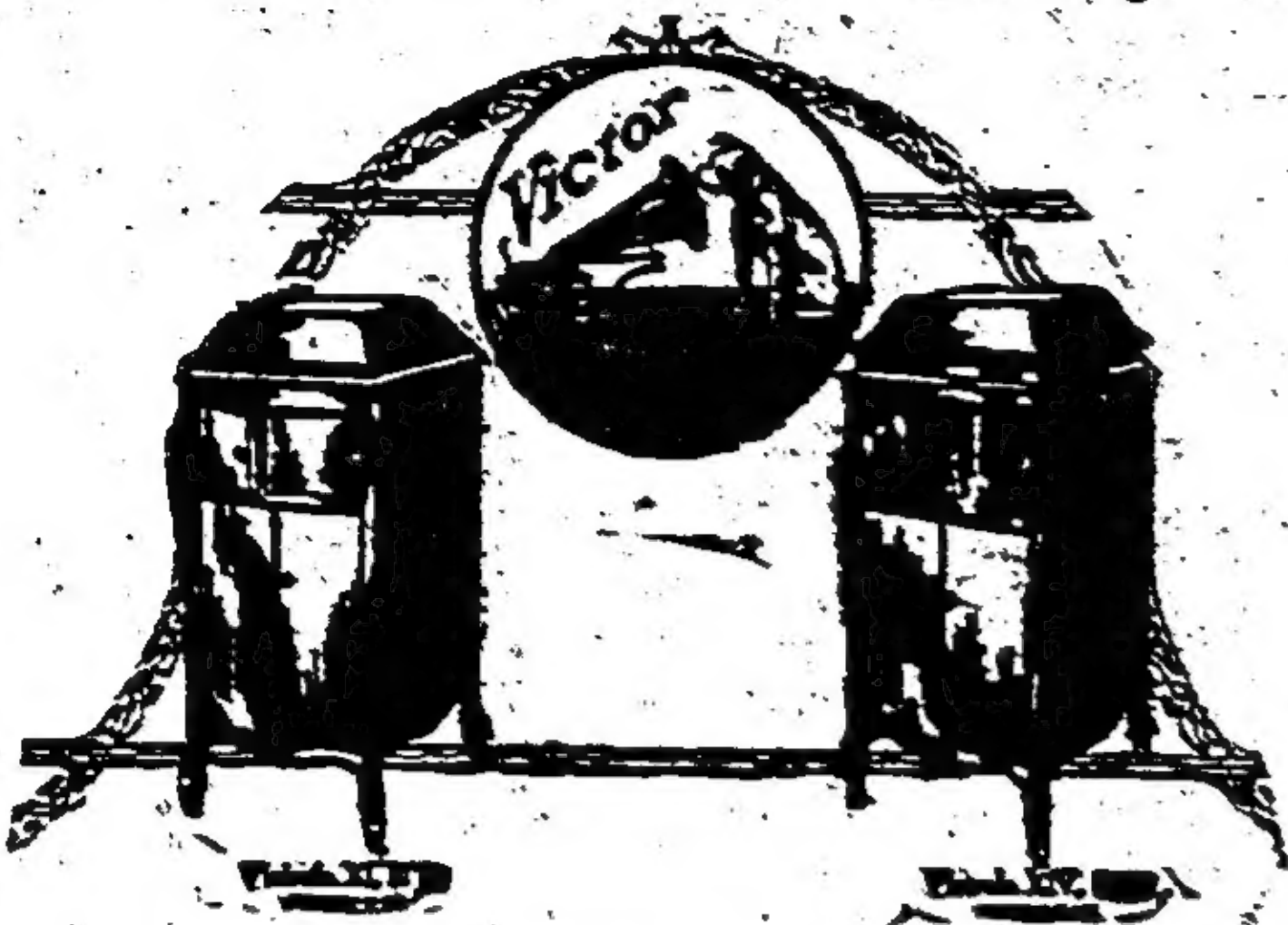
The Chinese Ministry of Finance, in a memorial, request that those officials who have done good services in the collection of taxes in the Province of Hapeh be rewarded according to the regulations, etc. Chen Ching-chu, Chief of the Wu-yueh Tax Bureau, who has made an additional collection of more than \$60,000, and Sung Tai-yu, Chief of the Wang-lin-chi Tax Bureau, who has made an additional collection of \$30,000, are hereby given the fifth Single Stock Gold Medals as an encouragement.

A Wounded German.

Captain J. B. Roeder, of the 10th Batt. Durham Light Infantry, the giant forward of the Roebury Park pack, who was recently wounded by gunshot in the right arm, has, we are glad to say, improved so much that he has been removed from hospital in London to his home. The gallant captain will be best remembered as a Cantab and Leander oarsman. He has the distinction of being the heaviest man who has rowed in the Varsity boat race, for his weight varied from 14st. in 1909 to 14st. 6lb. in 1911. He was, at this rate, half a pound heavier than the Oxonian, H. B. Kittermaster, in the 1900 boat.

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GENERAL NEWS.

New Brunswick's Battalion a Month.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 29.—New Brunswick is now enlisting men at the rate of a battalion each month. Capt. Tilly, special recruiting officer for the province, announces that from Sept. 4 to Dec. 18, a total of 3,685 men have enlisted, an average of almost 1,100 a month.

Salvini's Prayer for Italy.

Rome, January 3.—Under the terms of the will of Tommaso Salvini, the actor, who died last week, sums ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 are bequeathed to institutions of charity and art of Florence. The following passage occurs in the will: "May Providence cause my country to prosper politically and morally, and conserve her as an example for all other nations in civilization and justice."

Chinese and the Vancouver Drug Act.

For infractions of the Drug Act by selling cocaine and being in possession of the drug, two Chinese were convicted at Vancouver last month. Wing, one of the accused, was ordered to pay a fine of 200 G. and costs, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. Hoag, the second offender, being fined \$25 G. and costs, or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail.

Pigeons for the Yunnan Campaign.

An instructor of the Nanyang Aviation School has submitted a memorandum to the Chinese Ministry of War suggesting that pigeons should be employed to transmit messages between the different troops engaged in the Yunnan campaign. It is pointed out that in view of the mountainous regions in the south-western provinces, pigeons used as carriers will give more satisfactory results.

Sir Richard Dane, *London and China Express*—Satisfaction will be felt at the fact that the term of service of Sir Richard Dane in the Salt Administration in China is to be continued. He has renewed his agreement with the Chinese Administration, and the Chinese are to be congratulated, whilst China's creditors will certainly feel satisfaction. The net revenue from the Salt Gabelle last year was 68 millions of dollars, which is a record, though it is expected this figure will be exceeded in 1916.

Posthumous Honours. Peking, Jan. 28.—The members of the Tsao Chen Yuan are considering the revival of the bestowal of posthumous honours to worthy high officials who died in Government service in consequence of the re-establishment of monarchy in China. This kind of posthumous honour was abolished at the commencement of the Republic four years ago because it was inconsistent with Republican ideas. There is every probability that this "Shihfa" will be revived in the near future on the recommendation of the members of the Acting Legislature.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

(Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of February 16, 1915.)

More German Frightfulness.

It appears that Count Bernstorff, in the course of his interview with Mr. Bryan, intimated that Germany would partly recede her "war zone decree" if Mr. Bryan insisted upon the withdrawal of her cargo of foodstuffs being delivered at Hamburg. Failing this, he threatened "further frightfulness" and the direction of such "frightfulness" is indicated by a Copenhagen despatch to the effect that Germany contemplates a gigantic broad-casting of floating mines. The American Ambassador at Berlin, interviewed by the *National Zeitung* dwelt upon the necessity of a German-American war, which, he said, would be fatal to Germany economically, in view of the German millions invested in American securities. But the Ambassador's chief language of the German press increased the difficulty of solving a difficult problem and the possibility of serious conflict would instantly arise if an American ship was sunk.

Mr. Churchill's Important Statement.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill has made an important Navy speech, in which he intimated that further action was to be taken by the Allies to prevent the importation of foodstuffs in neutral ships to Germany. Mr. Churchill said hitherto we had not prevented the import of food. We had not prevented neutral ships trading directly with German ports, and we had allowed German exports in neutral ships to pass unchallenged. The time had now come when the enjoyment of these immunities, by a State which, as a matter of deliberate policy, had placed herself outside international obligations, must be reconsidered.

Greek Minister Leaves Constantinople.

The Greek Minister has left Constantinople, owing to the Turkish failure to fulfil the promise of satisfaction in connection with the policeman's insult to the Greek Naval Attaché.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

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CONCERNING RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

We have received from Shanghai a pamphlet entitled "Russian Wounded and Prisoners with the Germans," published at Petrograd and compiled by M. Alexie Krivov, President of the Russian Extraordinary Commission of Enquiry. The pamphlet is, of course, but one among many; the world unhappily teems with records, in all languages, of atrocities committed or countenanced by a nation that even now pathetically clings to its claim to be not only civilised but cultured and peaceful beyond the ordinary. The statements in this new publication bear the stamp of careful investigation, and we earnestly hope that it will be widely circulated in all neutral countries.

Not long ago we published a copy of a German soldier's letter sent to us by the Russian Consul General in Hongkong, which showed that one humane method pursued by the enemy is that of placing prisoners at the head of the army "when the offensive gets difficult," so that those unfortunate may be marks for the bullets intended for their oppressors. This letter is reproduced in the pamphlet; and, with it, a horrible wealth of testimony as to German treatment of wounded Russians. There is, too, a gruesome account of the marching of prisoners from the battlefield to the concentration camps, and a description of those camps which makes one feel that death on the field is infinitely to be preferred to captivity in Germany. At Neidenburg the Germans harnessed a Russian officer to a machine gun and made him drag it through the streets of the town, accompanied by the jeers and jibes of a brutal crowd of the inhabitants. That is an interesting example of how well Germany knows how to convert cruelty into an art. The stories of mutilation, of beating men to death for the mere "crime" of asking for more food, and of German indifference to the sufferings of wounded men are too lengthy and too numerous for reproduction here, but our readers will doubtless take our word for it that the pamphlet offers as dark a story as any to be found in war history, whether written or unwritten.

The main purpose of such publications should serve to stir up the unenlightened in all the Allied countries and force them to resolve that they will avenge the sufferings of their fellow men, and to open a little wider the eyes of the people in neutral countries. If publishing such horrors will have these two good effects, the greater the number of pamphlets printed the better. Apart from these points, one is disposed to feel that not now, but after the war, will be the proper time for making such facts known. Certainly we all want active strife to cease forever with the declaration of peace, but we do not want (or ought not want) to see Germany re-instated in the world's good opinion as a country to be regarded as worthy of ordinary respect. It will be a crime against civilisation if the Allied countries allow all these outrages to be forgotten. Surely part of Germany's punishment for her many crimes should be ostracism by all civilised races of at least the next two or three generations. Let her people feel that they have sinned beyond the point of possible forgiveness, and let our own folk at home be made to realise that he who shakes hands with, or trades with, Germans, is assisting to the brutalities which they have committed in France, Belgium and Serbia, and against prisoners of all the Allied nationalities. If—to take a concrete instance—we people in Hongkong do not unitedly oppose the entrance of German business (or other) men into this Colony after the war is over, what are we doing but condoning the vile offences that they and their countrymen have committed? It is after the war that we most want to see the widest and fullest publicity given to the abominations that the Germans have been guilty of. Then, perhaps, at least this generation and the next will be kept from associating with a race that has been responsible for such widespread sorrow and bloodshed.

The U. S. Presidency.

The United States will soon be in the throes of domestic politics, and a forerunner of the events which are to follow was the announcement which came to hand yesterday that President Wilson is again to stand for the Presidency. He is undoubtedly the most commanding figure among the Democrats at the moment, and is therefore the best choice his party could make. An essentially scholarly and philosophical man, he is in some respects thoroughly representative of the best type of his countrymen, but at a time like the present, which calls for quick clean-cut decisions on matters of State, the defects of his qualities are thrown into special prominence. And even his undoubted abilities will scarcely prove sufficient, we imagine, to carry him to success again. If we understand the American public, it has had about enough of the Democrats, whose policy, especially in regard to the war, the Mexican tangle and the Philippines puzzle, has been far too indecisive and weak to make it at all probable that they will be given a further lease of life. Mr. Roosevelt, who will probably be the Progressive Republican nominee, by his outspoken and fearless utterances, gains everything by comparison with the Democratic leaders, and if the Elections resolve themselves into a straight fight between he and President Wilson, the odds would appear to be all in favour of the former. The Democrats have had their test—a hard and trying one, we admit—but they have hardly come through with flying colours.

Japan's Trade Grip.

The extent to which Japan is gaining a firmer grip of the Far Eastern markets is revealed in the admission by the United States Department of Commerce that they have succeeded in capturing the American cotton goods trade with China. The reasons given are the better selling and distributing methods of the Japanese, and the lower price of Japanese cottons. The latter cause presents a difficulty of extreme stubbornness to the Western manufacturers, and because of the fact that Japan is practically on the spot, and her labour is comparatively cheap, it is one which will always have to be taken into account. The American trader has built up for himself quite sound reputation so far as selling and distributing methods go, but apparently he has at the moment to concede the palm to his Oriental competitor. That, however, is a matter which should be overcome, for the Americans are a keen people when it comes down to organisation and system. The Department making the report says that the only hope of renewed business lies in improving the quality of American exported goods. It now remains for the manufacturers to do the needful. The question is one in which the British manufacturer also has more than a passing interest. And the lesson is there for him as well.

The Tennis Tournaments.

Hongkong will soon be centring its interests in the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournaments, which continue to grow in popularity every year. The competitions begin a fortnight or so hence, and we may count on seeing some keenly-contested ties, despite the fact that the military element—always a strong one in normal times—will be almost entirely absent again. A happy idea has been hit upon in arranging a Veterans' Doubles Handicap, for men over 40 years of age have resided in the East for ten years. There will no doubt be a good entry in this event; and the competitors will, we are sure, show the public that the "too old at forty" cry does not apply to tennis. The age-limit might have been put even higher than it is, for it would be surprising to many to see what steady games many of Hongkongites of 50 years and more could put up. But even as it is, the competition will be sure to create a deal of interest.

DAY BY DAY

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The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 51; clear. (1915, 51 fog.)
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60; clear. (1915, 59 dull.)

The Mails.
American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Closed per a.s. Montague at 10.30 a.m. to-day.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per a.s. Shantung at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11 3/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 23rd anniversary of the death of Moliers.

"Feast of Lanterns."
To-morrow, according to the Chinese calendar, is the festival of Shuang Yuan which, or "Feast of Lanterns."

Boxing.
The date of the boxing competitions at the V.R.C. has now been changed to February 26. The entries close on the 20th inst.

Hotel Theft.
A laundryman's coolie was before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning charged with stealing two bath towels, the property of Mr. O. E. Owen, Carlton Hotel, valued \$14. As a result of his thieving, he was sent to prison for one month.

Small Fire.
Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out at 50, Whitefield, in the back of the premises used as a store by the Cheung Shan Company. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a chatty used for boiling oil. Little damage was done, the fire being quickly extinguished by the inmates and the No. 2 Fire Brigade.

Theft of Crude Rubber.
A lighterman employed at the Kowloon Godowns was caught yesterday by a watchman leaving the godowns with 9 lbs. of crude rubber in his possession, valued 36/-.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P., (Reserve) state:—

Route March.
All ranks, except medical exemptions, will parade at Central Police Station at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, February 19th, for Route March through Western Police District Uniform, Helmets and Rifles.

Maxim Gunners.
Musketry Sergeant Ford is provisionally appointed to take charge of the Maxim Gunners P. C.'s Eddie, Hyndman, Melbye and Cow Fung are transferred thereto.

Further men are required for training, during which they will be relieved of certain, if not all, other duties.

Musketry, Sunday February 20th.
The attention of all members of the following Platoons is called to orders of February 15th, 18th:—

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Orchestra Practice.
Friday, February 18th at 6 p.m.

Summer Uniform Measuring.
Friday, February 18th 5.30 p.m.—1st Platoon No. 1 Company.

Friday, February 18th 6.0 p.m.—2nd Platoon No. 1 Company.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS

FRENCH AND BRITISH INDUSTRIALISM.

The Balkans.

The Roumanian mobilisation is now complete, twenty-five thousand German troops have passed through Rostchek, the Allies are being re-inforced in Salonica, the Turks have extended the military age limit to fifty, and Ever Faasha has been squabbling with the German generals. Thus far the news from the Balkans. It would be interesting to know where the twenty-five thousand German troops came from, and why they are proceeding to Turkey via Rostchek. Is this a dramatic attempt to impress the Roumanians with a sense of the Fatherland's greatness? We should have thought that the day had gone by for that. Roumania is not likely to be hindered in her mobilisation affairs by any silly display on the part of the Germans. She must know perfectly well that these twenty-five thousand men could not be gathered together without very appreciably weakening one or another of the enemy's fronts. One would like to know, too, how the Turks will explain to the common people who have been told that their army is winning everywhere, how it is that men of fifty must needs now be called to the colours.

Economic Matters.
We sincerely hope that the Report issued by the Ministry of Munitions, as to the output in France, will be well drummed into some of the patriots at Home who are anxious to see how much work they can do, and how far they can put the circumstances occasioned by the war to their own personal profit. In France "there is one idea animating all the men and women alike, and this is to win the war. This spirit has prevented labour difficulties, and trade union restrictions are non-existent." In England, on the other hand, the "one idea" animating the munition workers seems often to have been that women, unskilled workers and non-union men should not be allowed to make any effort to hasten their country's victory. Another useful piece of British patriotism mentioned in recent wires is the necessity for finding and imprisoning three well-known London business men for trading with the enemy! It is a huge relief from all this to read that the Northumberland Miners' Association is urging its members to betake themselves to regular work and to bear in mind that the greatest factor in the war is the economic one.

The Blockade Again.
Another interesting economic matter connected with the war is the renewed charge that the blockade is not doing what it set out to do. Even if we pass over the Daily Mail's assertions on the subject of butter, there still remains the resolution passed yesterday at a meeting presided over by Lord Dawson. The meeting voted that it viewed with grave alarm "the enormous quantity of commodities reaching the enemy through the North Sea," and it urged the necessity of a fuller use of our sea power. The most amazing and the most exasperating part of all this is that such a resolution should be necessary after all these months of blockade. Are we never going to learn wisdom from our past errors? We have the sea power, we are able to cut Germany off from some where about nine-tenths of the goods which she used to import—and yet the quantity reaching her is still described as "enormous." There are times when it would not be very difficult to believe that there is a class of Britishers that will be quite sorry when the war ends. Yet, on looking calmly at the matter, it is difficult to see how the various muddles and failures were to be avoided—since we were content to leave the management of the biggest war in our history to faddists, sentimentalists and amateurs, and to do our best to prevent the army and navy chiefs from handling their own affairs in their own way. But we shall be very much astonished (so far as we have any room left for astonishment) if the British public in general tolerates this trifling very much longer.

RACE WEEK.

A Chat with the Tientsin Jockey, Mr. Stewart.

First-hand opinions of experienced persons, no matter in what vocation they excel, are always to be welcomed by the layman seeking for information, and when these opinions are voiced from an authentic source, they are all the more to be appreciated. Such is the case especially in sport, and in racing, in particular. Race week in the Colony is the biggest sporting event in the whole course of a year, and naturally anything pertaining to this branch of sport at the present time is of paramount importance.

Since the training commenced, some four weeks ago, a great deal of interest has been evinced, principally by members of the Jockey Club it is true; but with the arrival of the jockeys from the North on Sunday, that interest has become public where it previously existed only amongst a certain chosen few. Although only a few of the jockeys have arrived, they have quickly got down to work, and each morning they have been extremely busy at Happy Valley, where they have no light task in bringing their mounts up to something like true race form. Nevertheless, it must not be assumed that the riders who have had charge hitherto have not shown competence; the Chinese boys especially have proved how adaptable they can be in the work of training. But it requires the knowledge and experience of those who have made a life-long study of horses, and particularly Chinese ponies, which are of a very fickle turn of mind, to add that finishing touch which is so essential to the owner if he would win a race.

In an interview with the Telegraph yesterday, Mr. Stewart, of Tientsin, who will ride for Mr. Kadocoe, waxed very enthusiastic on the ponies and the course, describing the former as exceptionally good. He said they would compare favourably with any he had seen in China during a long and varied experience. As to the Race Course, he described it as the prettiest, and, perhaps, best all round course in the East. The beauty of its situation, however, did not blind him to the difficulties which present themselves to the riders. "The bends are a little sharp," said Mr. Stewart, "and they require a good deal of negotiating for the newcomer. Personally, I have not ridden on the course before, and as I say it requires a good deal of skill and unerring judgement to successfully overcome obstacles of this description. The Black Rock is a point which one must watch particularly if one wishes to do justice. That portion of the course is the most curious I have seen. Taken on a whole, it is a very good course to ride on, but experience is absolutely essential to success, for there is a rise and dip about it which is not usually met with out here."

Proceeding to speak of the ponies themselves, Mr. Stewart said that, taken generally, the ponies were all that could be desired, and their condition gave every promise of providing splendid sport in the coming races. "In fact," he continued, "they should rank with any Races held in the East, either at Shanghai, Peking or anywhere else. There is a likely-looking lot of ziffias, and Winsome Dahlia is in splendid form. He will have a hard tussle to beat his stable companion Windsor Dahlia, and a good fight can be looked forward to between them. Sandy, too, of Jardine's stable, is going strong, and will be a pony to watch. He is a high-priced pony from Shanghai, and, with ordinary luck, should come up to expectations. The ponies in the best condition are, undoubtedly, those belonging to Sir Paul Chater, but the Governor's mounts also give promise of doing something worthy."

In conclusion, he said the Derby should provide excellent sport, as there were so many ponies in the same class between which it was extremely difficult to choose.

TRAINING NOTES.

Three Good Mounts.

This morning was beautiful in every respect for racing, there being a cool dry atmosphere which made the conditions admirable. If anything, the ground was a little over-estimated on account of a heavy dew which had fallen overnight, but this was not responsible for any material difference in the going of the ponies, which are still showing kiptop form. There was a large crowd of rail spectators, and the keenest interest was taken in the gallops, especially in those of Winsome Dahlia and Windsor Dahlia, from Sir Paul Chater's stable. Both mounts are living up to their reputation, as will be seen by the times appended below, the former still remaining slightly the better form. There is no doubt, however, that a Titanic struggle will be fought between them and Sandy as a throw-in. The latter, if he does not carry off a big race, will make hot work for the other ponies, and it certainly will not be the fault of these three mounts if the coming races are not amongst the most exciting ever held in the Colony. They are all in excellent condition and under the management of their new experienced riders they are showing superior form. Although these three ponies have been singled out for special mention, there are several others who can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves. Some of the times taken are as follows:—

C17, 1 mile; 0.35.0, 1.11.0, 1.44.2.
Giant Dahlia, 1 1/4 mile; (Bar-kill); 0.39.2, 1.15.0, 1.50.1, 2.27.9, 3.2.2, 3.33.1.
Moonlight, 1 1/2 mile; 0.38.0, 1.15.0, 1.53.0, 2.27.2, 2.58.2.
Australian Chief, 1 mile; (Stewart); 0.33.1, 1.16.4, 1.37.0.
Garland, 1 mile; (Vids); 0.38.0, 1.14.0, 1.48.1, 2.20.3.
Indolent, 1 mile; 0.36.0, 1.11.0, 1.45.2, 2.18.4.
Oddfellow, 1 mile; 0.38.0, 1.11.0, 1.45.2, 2.18.4.
Birdwood, 1 mile; 0.43.2, 1.21.0, 1.55.1, 2.28.0.
Perfection Dahlia, 1 1/4 mile; 0.38.1, 1.15.2, 1.48.2, 2.22.2, 2.57.1, 3.29.4, 4.1.0.
King Alec, 1 mile; 0.38.1, 1.16.2, 1.52.1, 2.24.0.
Triumphant Dahlia, 1 1/4 mile; 0.37.3, 1.14.2, 1.48.2, 2.21.2, 2.53.1, 3.25.0.
Social Schermer, 1 mile; 0.37.2, 1.13.2, 1.47.0, 2.20.0.
Crooby, 1 mile (Johnstone); 0.38.0, 1.11.3, 1.47.0, 2.19.0.
Standard Dahlia, 1 1/4 mile; 0.38.0, 1.16.1, 1.53.2, 2.30.2, 3.4.0, 3.55.1.
Blackbird Dahlia, 1 mile; 0.38.3, 1.11.0, 1.46.0, 2.18.0.
Black Diamond Dahlia, 1 mile; (Vids); 0.38.3, 1.11.0, 1.46.0, 2.18.0.
Gwalight, 1 1/2 mile; 0.37.0, 1.19.2, 1.43.2, 2.18.2, 2.43.2.
Daylight, 1 mile; 0.37.0, 1.19.2, 1.43.2, 2.18.2, 2.53.2.
Ally, 1 1/4 mile; last mile, (Johnstone); 0.38.0, 1.16.0, 1.50.1, 2.23.0. Oddfellow joined in.
Harry Hawk, 1 mile; 0.37.0, 1.11.1, 1.43.2.
Winsome Dahlia, 1 1/4 mile (Bar-kill); 0.36.0, 1.10.0, 1.44.1, 2.19.3, 2.53.3, 3.23.3.
King Jack, 1 1/4 mile (Johnstone); 0.40.1, 1.19.1, 2.0.0, 2.38.1, 3.10.2.
Adventure, 1 mile; 0.35.0, 1.19.1, 1.43.2, 2.15.3.
Mayber, 1 mile; 0.35.0, 1.19.1, 1.43.2, 2.15.3.
Speckles, 1 mile; 0.43.0, 1.23.0, 2.0.0, 2.33.1.
Dicks Dahlia, 1 mile; 0.42.0, 1.18.0, 1.36.2, 2.16.3.
Geeha Dahlia, 1 mile; 0.39.0, 1.18.0, 1.36.2, 2.16.3.
Windsor Dahlia, 1 1/4 mile; 0.37.0, 1.10.2, 1.46.1, 2.22.2, 2.55.3, 3.25.4.

Mr. Stewart is well-known as a jockey in the East. He has been so successful in the many races in which he has ridden at Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking, Chefoo, and Kiang Wan, that he has built for himself a reputation enjoyed by few. In the last Shanghai races he rode seven winning mounts, principally for Mr. Henry Morris, of Shanghai, one being the Criterion, and he has had similar happy experiences at almost every meeting he has taken part in.

TELEGRAMS.

DUTCH GENERAL KILLED.

Fall from Aeroplane in Java.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")
London, Received February 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Batavia says that General Michelsen, who is commanding the troops in Java, was killed by a fall from an aeroplane in which he was a passenger. The pilot was severely injured. The aeroplane was formerly an American hydroplane, which had been rebuilt.

KING LEWANIKA DEAD.

London, Received February 16.
Lewanika, King of Barotseland, a steadfast ally of the British, is dead.

"TOBY, M.P."

Retiring from "Punch."

London, Received February 16.
Sir Henry Lucy ("Toby, M.P.") is retiring from the staff of Punch. [Sir Henry Lucy was knighted in 1909. He was educated at Crescent School, Liverpool, and Paris and was first of all apprenticed to a Liverpool merchant. In 1884 he joined the staff of the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*, later going to Paris to study language and literature. Returning to London, he joined the staff of the *Pail Mail Gazette* and was later editor of the *Daily News*. It was in 1881 that he joined the staff of Punch, creating the character of "Toby M.P." from whose Diary the *Essence of Parliament*, commenced by Shirley Brooks, is extracted. In addition to this work, he has published many Diaries of various Parliaments, all of which are valuable records of the personal side of the House of Commons.]

OBITUARY.

Sir William Turner.

London, Received, February 16.
The death is announced of Sir William Turner, K.C.B., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University since 1903.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL.

London, Received, February 15.
The Queen has unveiled the Florence Nightingale memorial at St. Paul's. The Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor and other prominent personages were present.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT RIDLEY.

London, Received, February 15.
The death of Viscount Ridley is announced.

CRICKET.

The following team has been chosen to represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in their match against Hongkong on the Hongkong ground on Saturday afternoon:—M. Mrs. R. E. O. Bird (Capt.), Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, R. A. B. Tomsenby, E. W. Hamilton, R. G. Southerton, P. T. Lamb, R. C. W. Mitchell, E. W. Dawson, C. Sars, R. O. Hutchison, and W. Hall. Reserves:—W. H. Edwards and W. Bearne. Score:—W. Fincher, Umpire:—W. Higby.

EUROPEANS GAGGED AND BOUND.

Sequel to An Armed Robbery.

The sequel to an armed robbery on China New Year's Eve was concluded at the Police Court before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, when a Chinese was charged with possessing a revolver without a licence and also with having used it for an unlawful purpose.

On February 2, the house of Mr. O'Connor, who is an overseer in the P.W.D., and who lives in the Government quarters at 3, Mount Pariah, Kennedy Road, was broken into by six robbers who posed as being foremen. Two were armed with revolvers and the men gagged and bound Mr. O'Connor and his wife and then proceeded to ransack the house. They stole a watch and chain, some clothing and money and also stole some money from the "boy". Some of the robbers put on Mr. O'Connor's clothes in the house, and eventually made good their escape. The matter was not reported to the Police until the 5th, and as it then seemed as if some of the men had been workmen in the P.W.D. by reason of the fact that they spoke a little English, it was decided to search the quarters at Wanchai Depot and also the quarry at Tsat Tse Mui. At Wanchai, a Browning pistol and 23 rounds of ammunition were found in the watchman's hut, and it was he who was now charged.

Evidence was given by Sergeant Murphy, who said that the pistol bore a police licence numbered 20 of 1912. When he asked the defendant where he got it from, he said that he had a permit from Mr. Ross at Taikeo Dock, and that he bought it from a seaman for \$24. That was in the year when the flying machine was out at Shatin. Questioned later, he said that it had been given him by Mr. Eldridge, an overseer of the P.W.D., for protection during the Chinese New Year, and his object in making the former statement was because he did not want to get Mr. Eldridge into trouble. His Worship said that he thought the revolver was used in connection with the robbery and he would impose a nominal penalty of \$25, and order the arms to be confiscated. He thought that Mr. Eldridge was seriously to blame.

OPIUM SMUGGLING TRICK.

Twenty-Seven Pockets in Waistcoat.

Having no less than 27 pockets in his waistcoat, each of which contained a small tin of opium, a Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with having in his possession 24 tins of prepared opium.

The defendant was seen coming off the Wing Lok Wharf and, on being searched by a Chinese detective, the opium was found on him. Revenue Officer Wilden said that when questioned as to where he got the opium, defendant said the opium farmer at Macao had asked him to bring it to Hongkong and sell it.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$1,500, or, in default, four months' hard labour.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

February	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total to 15th inst.	Daily average
	222	203	198	203	194	183	181	190	157	144	144	152	143	149	210	2,073	178.20

SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Banks.—\$820, sales.
Canton Insurance.—\$417, buyers.
Douglases.—\$127, sellers.
Steam boats.—\$191, sellers, ex div.
Indo-China (Combined).—\$185.
Indo-China (Deferred).—\$135.
Shells.—97, sellers.
China Sugars.—\$138, buyers.
Ural Caspians.—35, buyers.
Kowloon Dock.—(Old) \$94, buyers.
Kowloon Dock.—(New) \$90, buyers.
Hongkong Hotels.—\$112, buyers.
Humphreys Estate.—\$610.
Tramways.—\$620, buyers.
Waterboats.—\$15, buyers.
Watsons.—\$61, buyers.

SHOP-LIFTERS.

Theft of a Roll of Cloth.

Charged with the theft of a roll of cloth, a Chinese was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning.

It was stated by Inspector McDonald that the accused was one of a party of three shop-lifters who visited a number of shops in Queen's Road Central, but they did not apparently get the desired chance until they came to 47, Queen's Road West. They all three went into the shop, the defendant standing near the door. One of the other two men handed him the roll of cloth which was the subject of the present charge. Sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed. Defendant admitted that he had only come into the Colony the night before.

ON BOARD WITHOUT PERMISSION.

The case in which Lance Sergeant W. Thompson charged Lam Yau, unemployed, residing at First Street, with unlawfully being found on board the s.s. Daigi Maru without the permission of the master or officer in charge thereof on the 13th inst., was resumed before Commander C.W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty, saying he was trying to get back to his country.

Lance Sergeant Thompson stated that he found defendant on board the Daigi Maru at 11 a.m., on the 13th inst. He was quarrelling with another passenger, who complained that defendant had stolen his purse. He (Lance Sergeant Thompson) took defendant before the master, who stated that he had no authority to be on board the ship.

His Worship sentenced defendant to 14 days' hard labour.

SMUGGLING CHINESE INTO AMERICA.

The s.s. Mongolia's Chief Engineer Indicted.

A San Francisco telegram (February 9) to the *Manila Bulletin* states that the Chief Engineer of the former Pacific Mail liner *Mongolia*, and twenty-six other persons, the majority members of the crew, have been indicted at San Francisco for smuggling Chinese into the United States.

According to the testimony adduced, a large proportion of the *Mongolia's* crew and many of the officers are alleged to have been implicated in a gigantic plot, having as its object the contravention of the immigration laws. The ring received a certain amount, said to be about \$500, G. for each Chinese smuggled into the United States.

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STANDARD OIL CO.

Great Increase in Share Values.

The wealth of Standard Oil stockholders, expressed in the market value of those shares, has increased just about three times since the company was dissolved, on May 15, 1911, says the *Wall Street Journal*.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller prior to the dissolution of the company held 247,692 shares out of the 933,333 shares, or, roughly, 25 per cent. His holdings had a market value of \$167,192,100 when the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States was handed down, using \$875 a share—the dissolution price. To-day those shares have a market value of more than \$421,000,000, based on the price of \$1,700 for old Standard Oil "all on," as it is now quoted.

As a matter of fact, the value of the old Standard Oil stock is considered as far in excess of \$1,700, which is largely a nominal quotation. Two thousand dollars a share is regarded as a far more accurate price, but even that would only partially represent the present and potential value of the old Standard Oil stock.

At \$2,000 a share, the value of Mr. John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil holdings of close to 250,000 shares is approximately \$500,000,000. It is known, however, that all of that stock is now held by Mr. Rockefeller, for some of it has been turned over to the Rockefeller Foundation and other institutions.

Fortunes of the other big Standard Oil stockholders show correspondingly large increases. The value of the shares held by the estate of Charles Pratt has increased from \$35,600,000 to \$89,700,000. The 42,400 shares held by C. W. Harkness have increased in market value from \$29,200,000 to \$72,000,000.

The old Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey was controlled by ten individuals and two estates. With the exception of the stock which has been set aside by Mr. Rockefeller for various purposes, it is believed that the holdings of the big Standard Oil stockholders are intact to a large extent, for it is the opinion in well informed quarters that the insiders have sold only the pipe lines.

A list of the large stockholders of the company, as taken from the Government's brief, filed against the Standard Oil Co. in 1907, shows that twenty-nine individuals and estates held 568,926 of 933,333 shares of the old Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, which at the time of dissolution had a value of \$384,025,050. The market value of that stock is approximately \$967,834,000 at present.

The nominal market price of \$1,700 a share for the old Standard Oil stock "all on" includes stock dividends, and rights by the subsidiary company. For this reason it is not necessary to include in the above calculation any value which may have accrued to the original Standard Oil stockholders through the revenue derived from the rights on the fractional shares of the subsidiary companies held.

AN ARMS CASE.

Documents Which Need Translation.

Another case of a breach of the Arms Ordinance was heard by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court to-day when a Chinese living at a Chinese restaurant at 74, Connaught Road, was charged. P. S. Clarke said that Mr. T. H. King, A. S. P., and a number of Police visited the premises, and when constables were set to watch all floors, the defendant's room was entered, and he was caught trying to conceal something in a bag under a blanket. The bag was opened and was found to contain two pistols and fifty detonators. Defendant's excuse was that the bag was left there by somebody, and that he did not know what it contained. He was only living as a guest at the house.

A quantity of papers was found in his possession, and, with the object of getting these translated, Mr. Wood remanded the case until Wednesday next, fixing bail at \$1,500.

THEFT FROM OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

Hair Mattresses and Bolsters Stolen.

Yesterday morning the Sergeant in charge of Mount Austin Barracks went on his rounds of the unoccupied officers' quarters and found that 12 hair mattresses and 12 hair bolsters, of the total value of £27, were missing. Two Chinese were seen, earlier in the day, to be carrying a quantity of horse hair down the Peak Road, and these were subsequently arrested. Before the arrest, they had disposed of the goods to a marine store dealer, who has since been charged with receiving the property.

The cases came before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning, when one of the alleged thieves denied the offence and the other admitted it. The marine store dealer, who was represented by Mr. E. J. Grist, denied the offence.

His Worship adjourned the case until Saturday morning, bail being allowed to the store dealer in \$250.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE.

The undersigned Banks beg to notify their constituents, and the public generally, that on and after 1st March proximo no Comproedores orders, other than Cash orders issued by Banks, will be accepted in payment of Collections or amounts due to the Banks; Comproedores orders will not be received for credit of Constituents' Current Accounts.

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